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REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-17 and claims 27 and 29. It is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider the present application in light of the remarks herein.

The Examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102. The Examiner asserted that Aoshi discloses a crash notification method comprising an occupant sensor, a crash sensor, GPS receiver, a controller for generating and transmitting a communication signal, determining the nearest public service answering point, and contacting the public service answering point *as a native caller* (emphasis added).

It is respectfully asserted that Aoshi does not teach or disclose the step of contacting the nearest public service answering point as a *native caller* as claimed in the present invention. The Aoshi reference does not teach or disclose distinguishing between a native and a non-native caller. Therefore, the reference cannot possibly disclose each and every element of claim 25 including the step of contacting the public service answering point as a native caller.

According to the present invention (see paragraph 0026 of the specification), a native caller is identified by the public service answering point and receives priority status when contacting the nearest emergency response team. A non-native call is given a lower priority. Therefore, the present invention forces the call to be identified as being from a "native" caller by the public service answering point because the present invention contacts the public service answering point as a "native" caller. This step provides a significant advantage in the response provided by the public service answering point, that is neither taught nor disclosed in the Aoshi reference.

It is respectfully asserted that each and every element of claim 25 is not found in the Aoshi reference and therefore, it is respectfully requested the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and issue a Notice of Allowance therefore.

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The Examiner rejected claims 18, 19 22-24, 26 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Aoshi in view of Tognazzini and in further view of Yanigi. Claims 18-24 have been cancelled. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims that depend from claim 25, namely claims 26-29, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as they are dependent upon an allowable claim.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that may place the remaining claims into better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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